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MY NAME IS PETER PARKER, AND I'VE BEEN SPIDER-MAN SINCE I WAS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD.
For years, I wondered what would happen if I ever said those words out loud, for the whole world to hear.
Now, at the urging of Tony Stark, and to show my support for the Superhuman Registration Act, I've done just that. And as I stand before a stunned press corps, I wonder--
Now what?

The Night the War Came Home

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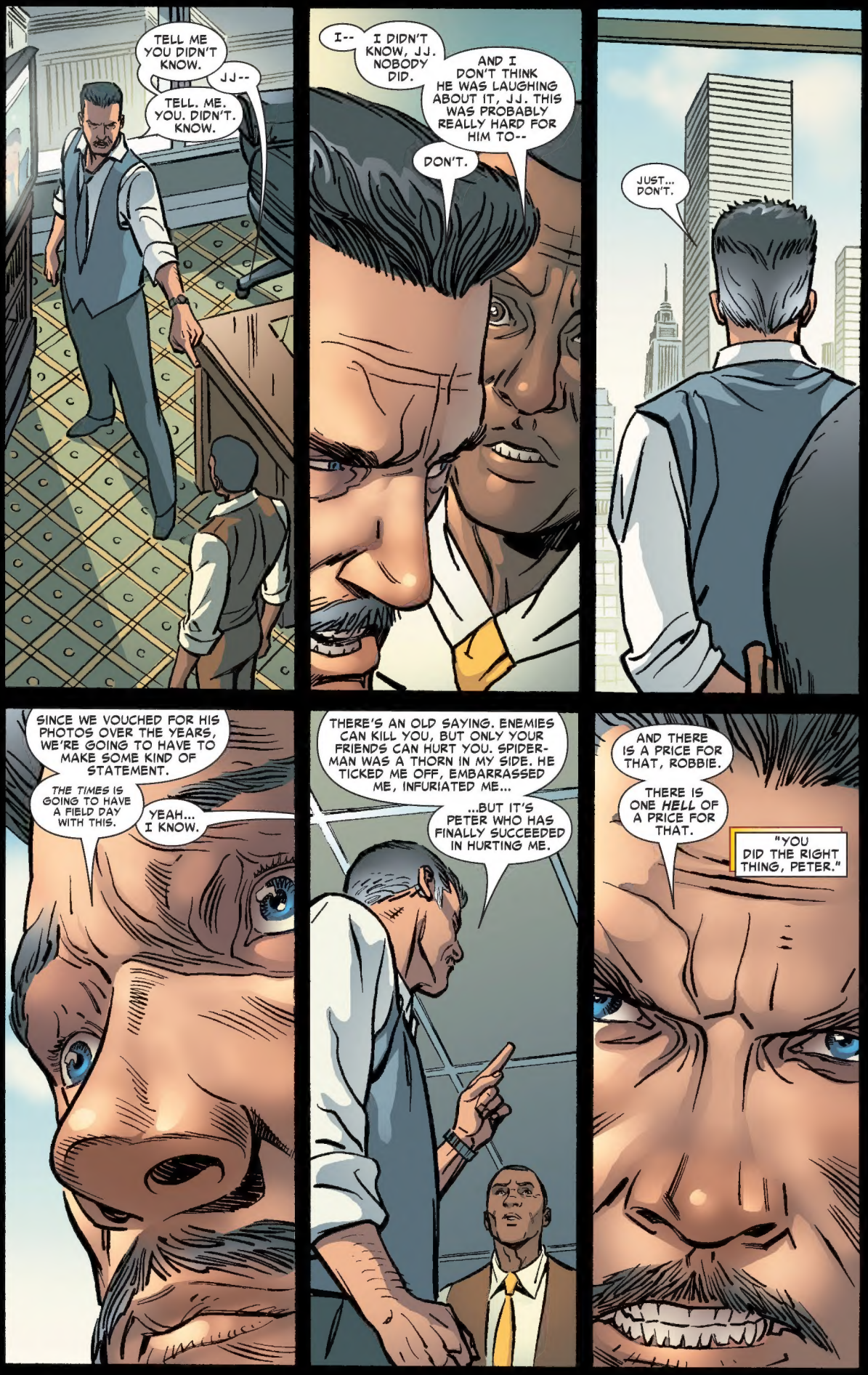
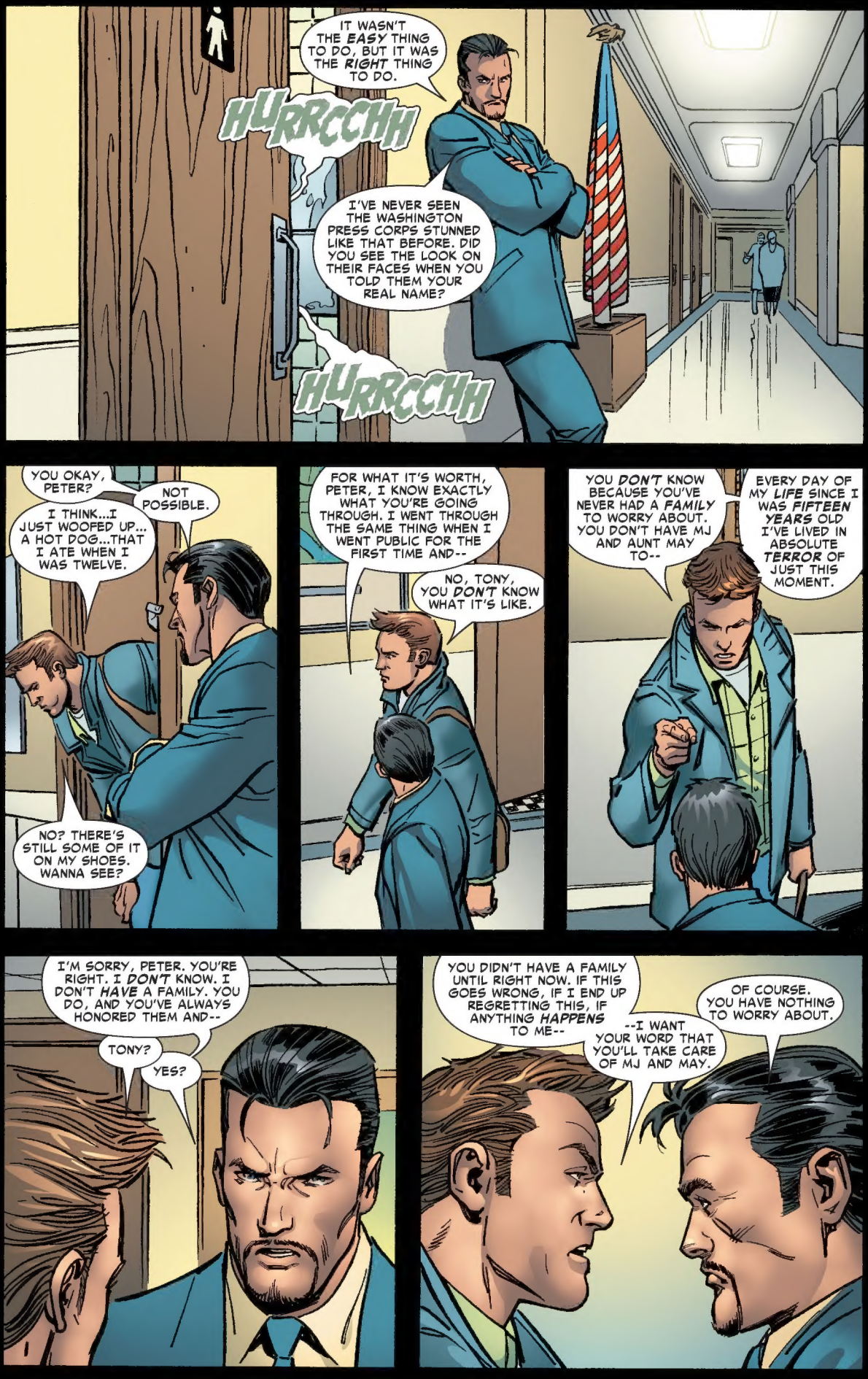
I didn't learn about the first side effect until well after the fact.
Once the news hit the television networks--
Google
PETER PARKER
--thirty million people went online and did simultaneous Google searches on Peter Parker --
--and crashed the entire Internet.
Including the porn sites.
WHAT THE HELL...?!
JJ, ARE YOU--
I'M VERTICAL, ROBBIE, THAT'S THE BEST I CAN DO RIGHT NOW.
FUNNY, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SPITTING NAILS RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
HELL, YEAH.
DID YOU?

I GAVE UP CIGARS THIS MORNING. I'VE GOT THE PATCH OVER HALF MY BODY, I'M CHEWING NICOTINE GUM--
WHEN I MADE MY DECISION, I REMEMBERED PETER TELLING ME ALL THESE YEARS THAT I SHOULD QUIT. AND I SMILED. BECAUSE--
--BECAUSE AS MUCH AS I GAVE HIM A HARD TIME, AS MUCH AS HE WAS A PAIN IN THE NECK, HE WAS LIKE A SON TO ME. I GAVE HIM HIS START AS A PHOTOGRAPHER, BOUGHT HIS PICTURES EVEN WHEN THE COMPOSITION SUCKED.
IN A WORLD BUILT ON LIES, I THOUGHT, HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN STRAIGHT WITH ME. THE LAST HONEST GUY IN TOWN.
AND IT WAS ALL A LIE, ROBBIE. I GUESS HE MUST'VE THOUGHT IT REALLY FUNNY... MUST'VE THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY STUPID, HAVING HIM IN HERE ALL THIS TIME, AND NEVER KNOWING.
PROBABLY SPENT WHOLE DAYS JUST LAUGHING AT ME.
CRASH!


TELL ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW.
JJ--
TELL. ME. YOU. DIDN'T. KNOW.
I--
I DIDN'T KNOW, JJ. NOBODY DID.
AND I DON'T THINK HE WAS LAUGHING ABOUT IT, JJ. THIS WAS PROBABLY REALLY HARD FOR HIM TO--
DON'T.
JUST... DON'T.
SINCE WE VOUCHED FOR HIS PHOTOS OVER THE YEARS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SOME KIND OF STATEMENT.
THE TIMES IS GOING TO HAVE A FIELD DAY WITH THIS.
YEAH... I KNOW.
THERE'S AN OLD SAYING. ENEMIES CAN KILL YOU, BUT ONLY YOUR FRIENDS CAN HURT YOU. SPIDER-MAN WAS A THORN IN MY SIDE. HE TICKED ME OFF, EMBARRASSED ME, INFURIATED ME...
...BUT IT'S PETER WHO HAS FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN HURTING ME.
AND THERE IS A PRICE FOR THAT, ROBBIE.
THERE IS ONE HELL OF A PRICE FOR THAT.
"YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, PETER."


IT WASN'T THE EASY THING TO DO, BUT IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
HURRCCHH
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE WASHINGTON PRESS CORPS STUNNED LIKE THAT BEFORE. DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES WHEN YOU TOLD THEM YOUR REAL NAME?
HURRCCHH
YOU OKAY, PETER?
NOT POSSIBLE.
I THINK...I JUST WOOFED UP... A HOT DOG...THAT I ATE WHEN I WAS TWELVE.
NO? THERE'S STILL SOME OF IT ON MY SHOES. WANNA SEE?
FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, PETER, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH. I WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING WHEN I WENT PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME AND--
NO, TONY, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE.
YOU DON'T KNOW BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER HAD A FAMILY TO WORRY ABOUT. YOU DON'T HAVE MJ AND AUNT MAY TO--
EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE SINCE I WAS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD I'VE LIVED IN ABSOLUTE TERROR OF JUST THIS MOMENT.
I'M SORRY, PETER. YOU'RE RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE A FAMILY. YOU DO, AND YOU'VE ALWAYS HONORED THEM AND--
TONY?
YES?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE A FAMILY UNTIL RIGHT NOW. IF THIS GOES WRONG, IF I END UP REGRETTING THIS, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME--
--I WANT YOUR WORD THAT YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF MJ AND MAY.
OF COURSE. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

GOOD.
BECAUSE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THEM BECAUSE OF THIS AND I'M STILL ALIVE, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
IT WON'T, PETER.
I'M JUST SAYING.
I KNOW.
I HAD THEM BRING THE CAR AROUND BACK. THE PLANE IS WAITING TO TAKE YOU BACK TO NEW YORK.
BUT--
I'LL NEED YOU SOON, BUT RIGHT NOW, YOUR PLACE IS WITH YOUR FAMILY.
THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY, "I GUESS MAYBE YOU DO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A FAMILY."
NOT TODAY, TONY...
...MAYBE TOMORROW, OR THE DAY AFTER, BUT NOT TODAY.
SPIDER-MAN!
Peter!
HIDE
BEHIND MASKS!
SPIDER-FREAK REVEALED!

WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE NOW, YOU FREAK! GO BACK UNDER THE WEB YOU CRAWLED OUT FROM!
BOOP-BEEPBOOP-BOOP-BEEP
HELLO?
HEY, SWEETIE... IT'S ME.
PETER!
WE SAW THE WHOLE THING ON CNN. OH, PETER, YOU WERE GREAT! YOU LOOKED SO STRONG, AND CONFIDENT--
I WAS SCARED OUT OF MY MIND.
WE COULDN'T TELL. YOU DID GREAT, HON.
TELL PETER WE'RE PROUD OF HIM.
AUNT MAY SAYS WE'RE BOTH VERY PROUD OF YOU.

THANKS, MJ. I JUST HOPE I DID THE RIGHT THING.
OF COURSE YOU DID. NOW YOU'LL GET THE RESPECT YOU FINALLY DESERVE.
SPIDERS SHOULD BE SQUASHED, NOT SEEN!
YEAH...I'M DEFINITELY...GETTING MORE OF THE WHOLE RESPECT...THING.
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU AND AUNT MAY ARE OKAY, AND--
SIR?
UHM... YES?
CALL FOR YOU, SIR. ON THE CAR PHONE.
I'VE GOT A CALL? HERE?
PETER...?
JUST A SEC, MJ, I'VE GOT ANOTHER CALL.
YEAH?
DR. RICHARDS?
PETER? REED RICHARDS HERE.
MAY, I THINK IT'S REED RICHARDS ON THE OTHER LINE.
OH, GOOD, WHAT'S HE SAYING?
I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I WATCHED YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE. TONY TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO COME OUT TODAY, AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY WELL DONE.

AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN GRACED WITH POWERS, AND WHO'S LIVED MOST OF HIS ADULT LIFE IN THE PUBLIC EYE, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FEELING.
YEAH, I'M GETTING A LOT OF THAT TODAY.
HE SAYS HE KNOWS WHAT I'M FEELING.
NOTHING COULD REQUIRE MORE COURAGE, AND YOU'RE VERY MUCH TO BE COMMENDED. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.
I WON'T.
HE SAYS I'M TO BE COMMENDED.
OH, THAT'S SO SWEET.
PETER...?
IT'S MJ, SHE'S ON THE OTHER LINE.
REED RICHARDS TOLD PETER HE'S TO BE COMMENDED, AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING HE CAN DO, TO LET HIM KNOW.
WELL, ISN'T THAT NICE?
REED SAYS TO SAY HELLO.
AND HE SAYS HELLO.
WELL, TELL HIM HELLO FOR ME AS WELL.

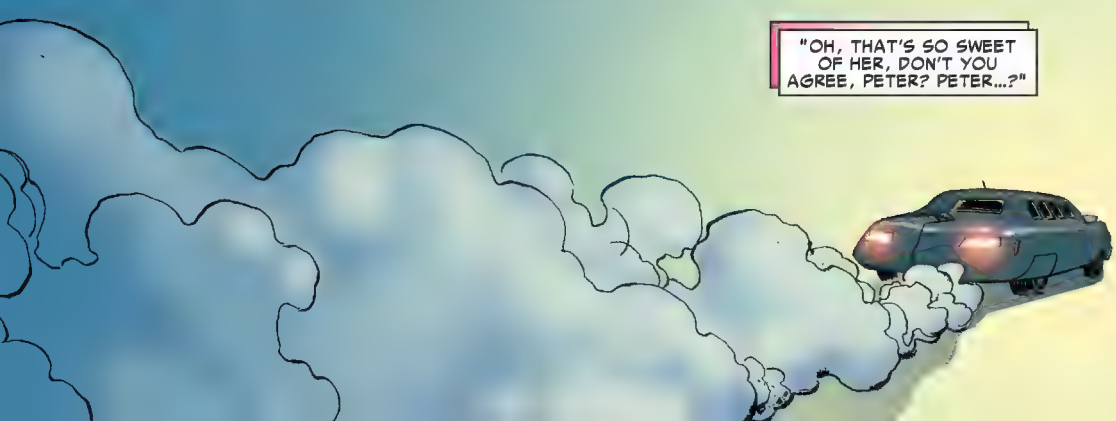
REED?
MY AUNT SAYS HELLO.
PETER? IS THAT YOU?
OH, SORRY, SUE, I--
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT. I WAS GOING TO CALL TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT. HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP AFTER THE BIG REVELATION?
HE'S HANDLING IT VERY WELL, SUE. HE'S A BIG BOY, AND--
I--
REED, I'M SURE HE'S HANDLING IT, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED. I ASKED HOW HE'S FEELING.
WHAT'RE THEY SAYING?
SUE, HONEY --
DON'T "SUE, HONEY" ME, HE'S GOING THROUGH A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE--
I'M NOT ARGUING.
YES, YOU ARE.
PETER, ARE YOU STILL THERE?
ARE THEY STILL THERE?
I THINK SO...BUT I THINK SUE AND REED ARE HAVING A DISAGREEMENT.
PETER STARTED A FIGHT BETWEEN SUE AND REED RICHARDS?
I--
THEY'RE SUCH A LOVELY COUPLE, I CAN'T IMAGINE THEM ARGUING.

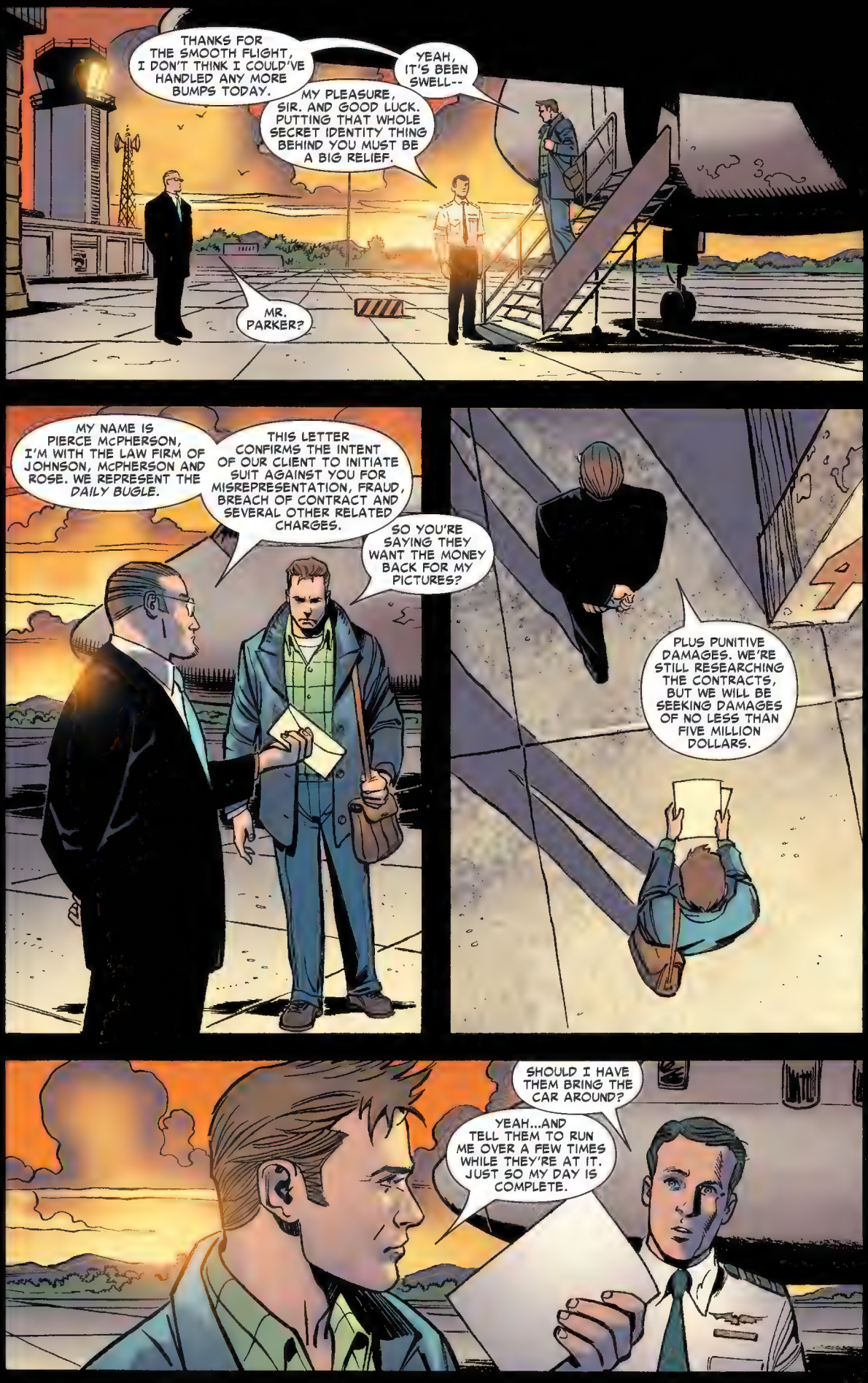
PETER, DEAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE'RE HERE IF YOU NEED US.
I WAS JUST TELLING HIM THAT, SUE--
DID YOU TELL HIM WE WOULD BE THERE FOR HIM, OR YOU WOULD BE THERE?
AUNT MAY WANTS TO KNOW WHY YOU STARTED A FIGHT BETWEEN REED AND SUE RICHARDS.
I DIDN'T START ANYTHING.

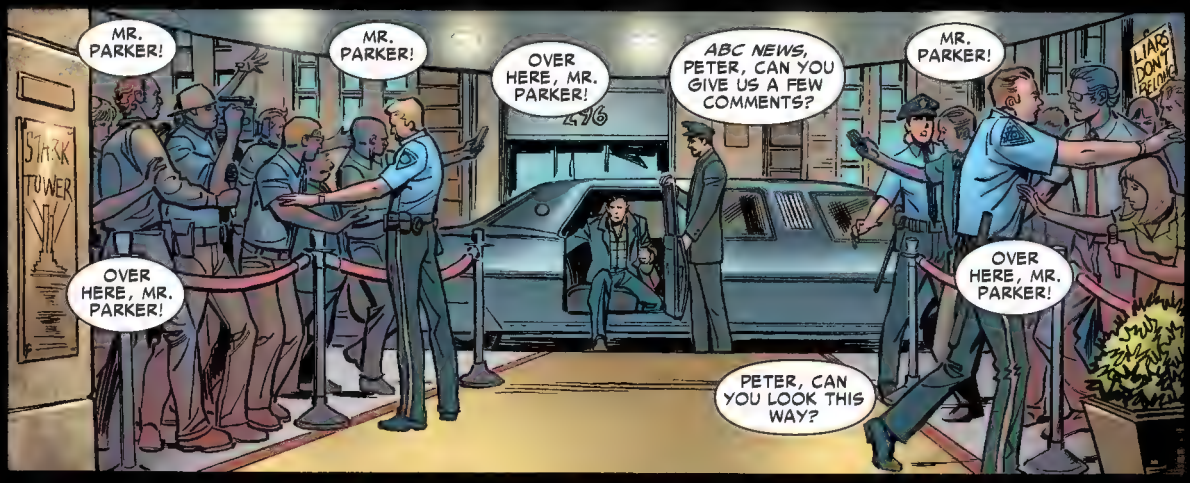
OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T. WE'RE JUST HAVING A CONVERSATION--
DR. RICHARDS?
MJ, IS THAT YOU?
YES, IT IS.

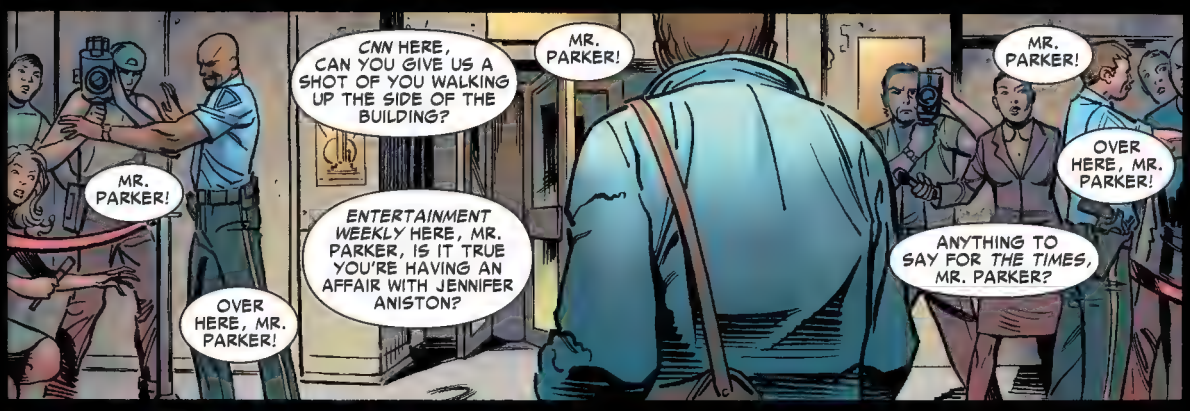
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR SUPPORT MEANS TO US.
MJ, IT'S SUE...I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS COME SEE ME IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ALL THIS. MAYBE WE COULD GET TOGETHER FOR DINNER AGAIN SOON.
OH, THAT'D BE GREAT, SUE.

GIVE ME A CALL ANYTIME, MJ. AND PLEASE GIVE MAY MY BEST.
MAY, SUE SENDS HER BEST.


"OH, THAT'S SO SWEET OF HER, DON'T YOU AGREE, PETER? PETER...?"


THANKS FOR THE SMOOTH FLIGHT, I DON'T THINK I COULD'VE HANDLED ANY MORE BUMPS TODAY.
MY PLEASURE, SIR. AND GOOD LUCK. PUTTING THAT WHOLE SECRET IDENTITY THING BEHIND YOU MUST BE A BIG RELIEF.
YEAH, IT'S BEEN SWELL--
MR. PARKER?
MY NAME IS PIERCE McPHERSON, I'M WITH THE LAW FIRM OF JOHNSON, McPHERSON AND ROSE. WE REPRESENT THE DAILY BUGLE.
THIS LETTER CONFIRMS THE INTENT OF OUR CLIENT TO INITIATE SUIT AGAINST YOU FOR MISREPRESENTATION, FRAUD, BREACH OF CONTRACT AND SEVERAL OTHER RELATED CHARGES.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THEY WANT THE MONEY BACK FOR MY PICTURES?
PLUS PUNITIVE DAMAGES. WE'RE STILL RESEARCHING THE CONTRACTS, BUT WE WILL BE SEEKING DAMAGES OF NO LESS THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.
SHOULD I HAVE THEM BRING THE CAR AROUND?
YEAH...AND TELL THEM TO RUN ME OVER A FEW TIMES WHILE THEY'RE AT IT. JUST SO MY DAY IS COMPLETE.


MR. PARKER!
MR. PARKER!
OVER HERE, MR. PARKER!
ABC NEWS, PETER, CAN YOU GIVE US A FEW COMMENTS?
MR. PARKER!
LIARS DON'T BELONG!
STARK TOWER
OVER HERE, MR. PARKER!
OVER HERE, MR. PARKER!
PETER, CAN YOU LOOK THIS WAY?


CNN HERE, CAN YOU GIVE US A SHOT OF YOU WALKING UP THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING?
MR. PARKER!
MR. PARKER!
MR. PARKER!
OVER HERE, MR. PARKER!
ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY HERE, MR. PARKER, IS IT TRUE YOU'RE HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH JENNIFER ANISTON?
OVER HERE, MR. PARKER!
ANYTHING TO SAY FOR THE TIMES, MR. PARKER?

--CONTINUING OUR COVERAGE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PRESS CONFERENCE HELD THIS MORNING, IN WHICH SPIDER-MAN REVEALED HIS IDENTITY TO A STUNNED WORLD.
BASED ON THAT ANNOUNCEMENT, OUR RESEARCH DEPARTMENT HERE AT UBN HAS BEEN ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER MORE OF THE STORY.

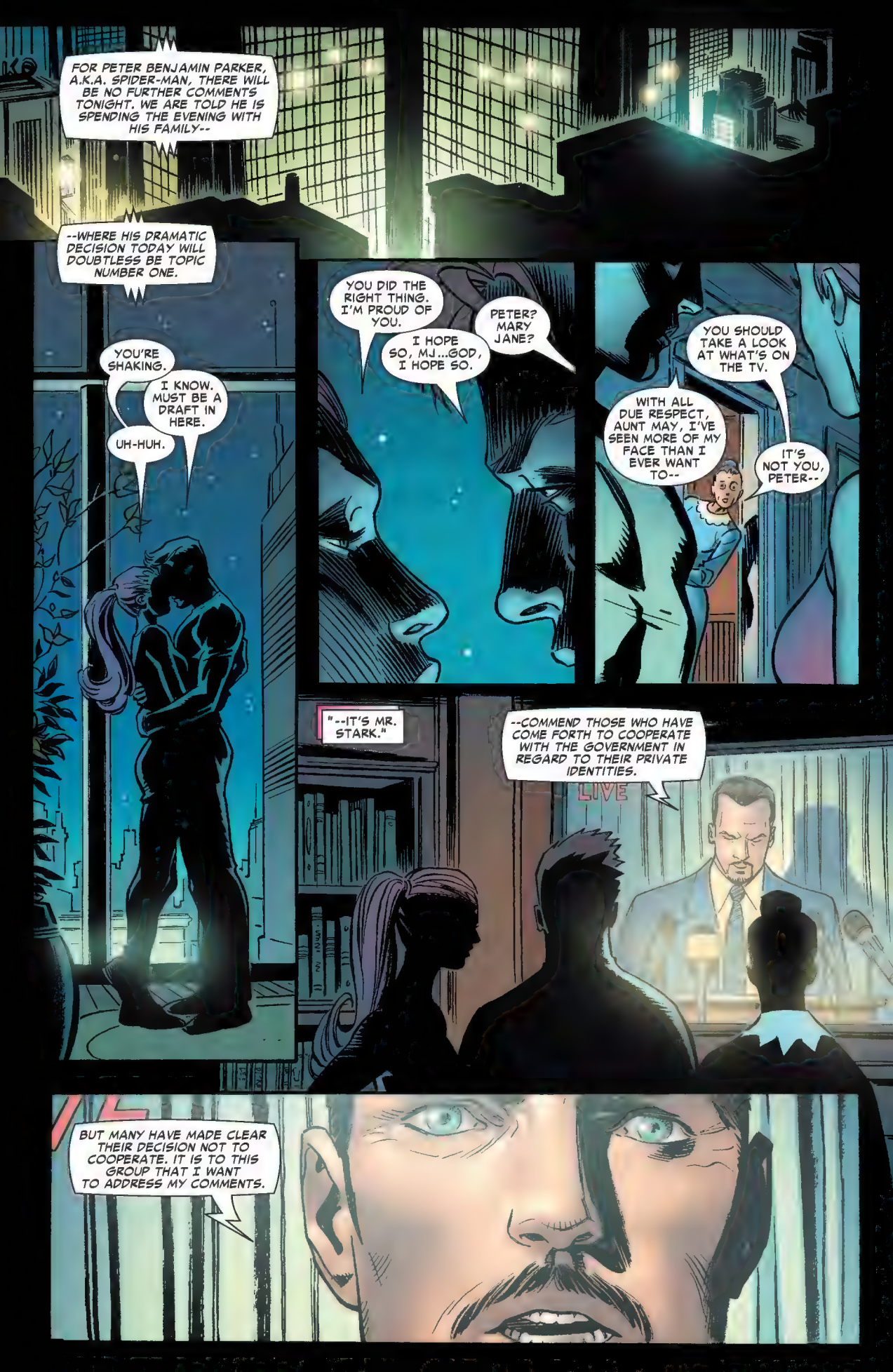
SPIDER-MAN'S FULL NAME IS PETER BENJAMIN PARKER. AN ONLY CHILD, HE WAS BORN IN FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK, TO RICHARD AND MARY FITZPATRICK PARKER.
COACH
PARKER...?
PUNY PARKER IS SPIDER-MAN?
NO WAY.
F. THOMPSON

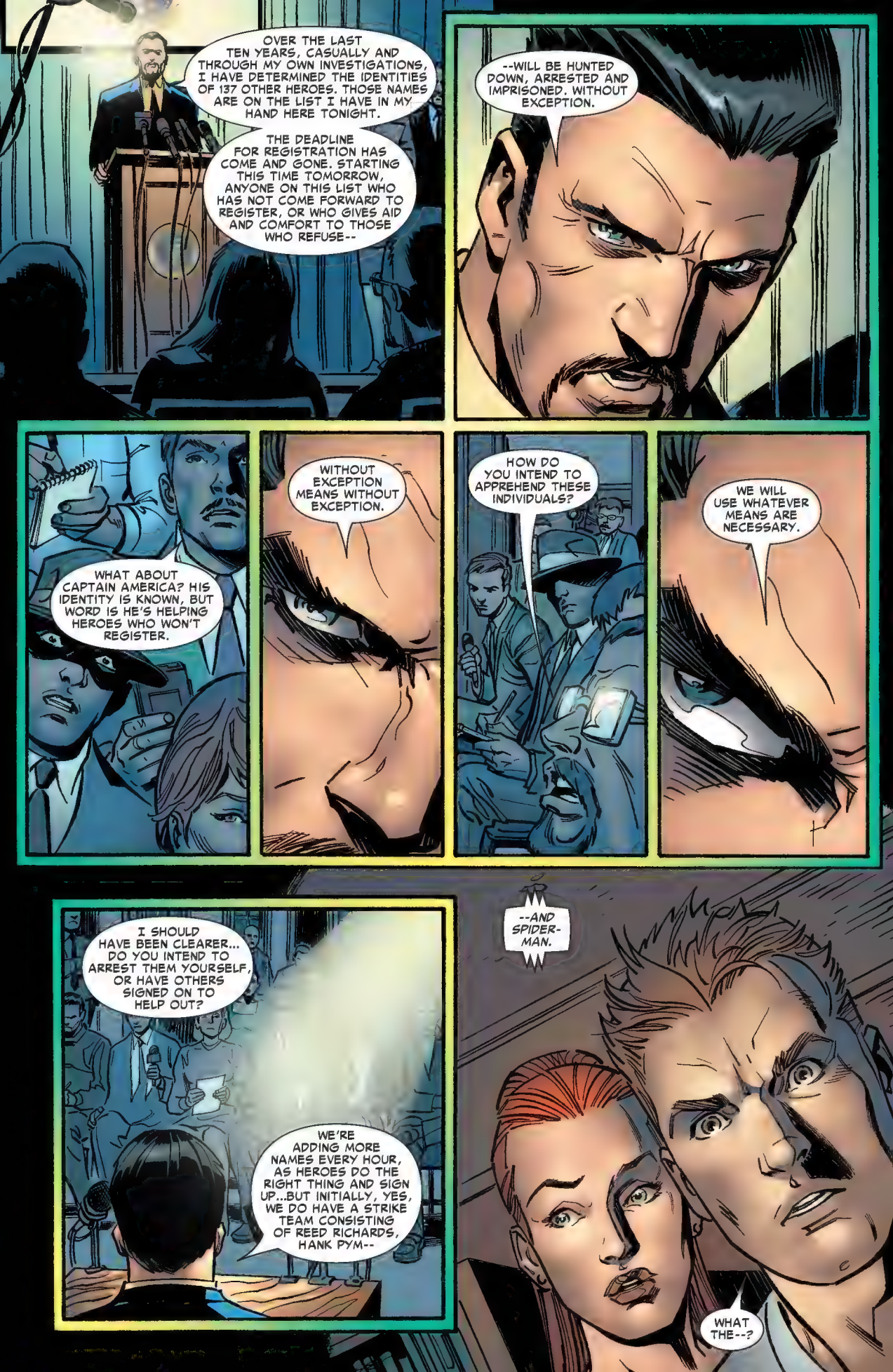
GIVEN HIS UNIQUE PLACE AS A NEW YORKER, WE SENT OUR CAMERA CREWS OUT TO GET REACTIONS TO THIS EVENT FROM TYPICAL NEW YORKERS ALL AROUND TOWN.
IT'S GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF TRICK. SPIDEY'S JUST TRYIN' TO FOOL ONE OF HIS ENEMIES. BUT EVEN THEY'RE NOT DUMB ENOUGH TO FALL FOR THIS.

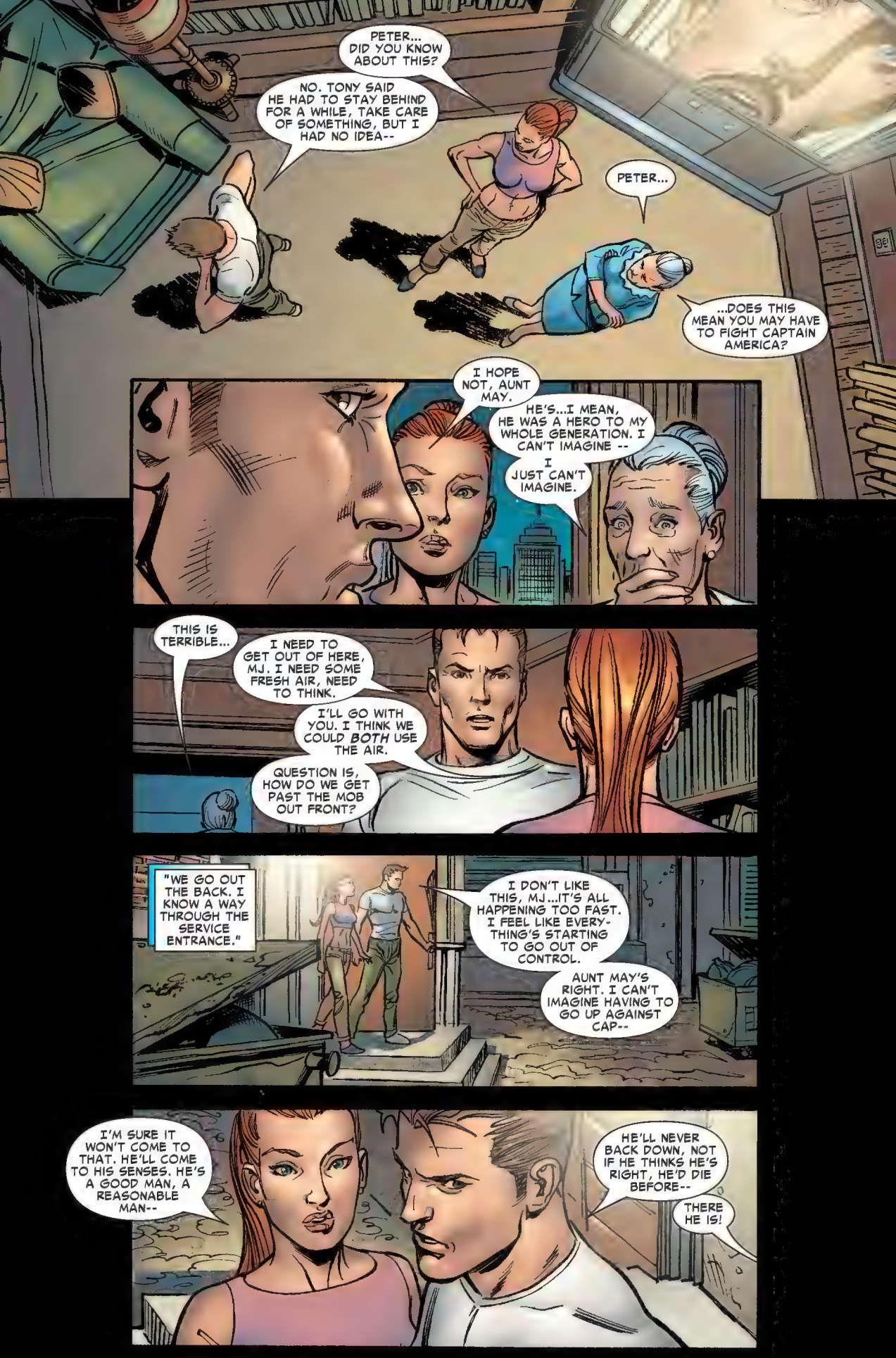
ME, I DON'T CARE WHAT HIS REAL NAME IS, HE'S OUR GUY, Y'KNOW? HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN SAY THEY GOT A HERO COMES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, RIGHT?
BROCK, EDWIN
I KNEW ALL ALONG IT HAD TO BE SOMEBODY LIKE THAT. DIDN'T KNOW THE NAME, BUT I JUST HAD A FEELING.
I THINK IT WAS VERY BRAVE OF HIM TO DO THIS, TO DO THE RIGHT THING LIKE THIS.
I JUST HOPE IT DOESN'T CAUSE HIM ANY PROBLEMS.
OH, I THINK IT WILL...

THAT IS THE QUESTION MANY PEOPLE ARE WONDERING TONIGHT: WHAT CONSEQUENCES WILL FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF TODAY'S REVELATION--

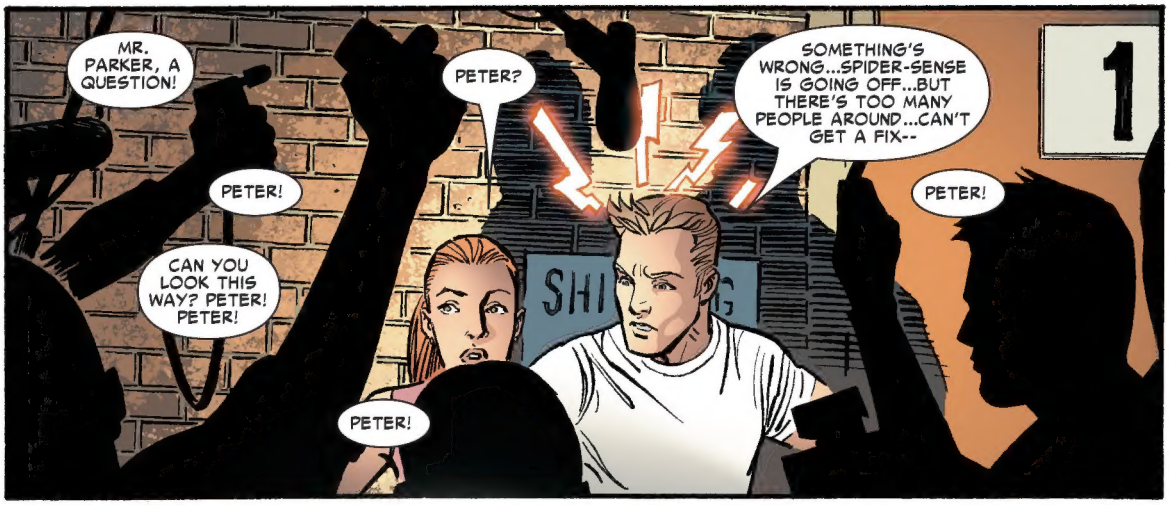
--AND WHAT WILL THE OTHER HEROES, FACED WITH THEIR OWN DECISIONS IN THE WAKE OF THE REGISTRATION ACT, MAKE OF HIS ACTIONS?


FOR PETER BENJAMIN PARKER, A.K.A. SPIDER-MAN, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER COMMENTS TONIGHT. WE ARE TOLD HE IS SPENDING THE EVENING WITH HIS FAMILY--
--WHERE HIS DRAMATIC DECISION TODAY WILL DOUBTLESS BE TOPIC NUMBER ONE.
YOU'RE SHAKING.
I KNOW. MUST BE A DRAFT IN HERE.
UH-HUH.
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING. I'M PROUD OF YOU.
I HOPE SO, MJ...GOD, I HOPE SO.
PETER? MARY JANE?
YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S ON THE TV.
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, AUNT MAY, I'VE SEEN MORE OF MY FACE THAN I EVER WANT TO--
IT'S NOT YOU, PETER--
"--IT'S MR. STARK."
--COMMEND THOSE WHO HAVE COME FORTH TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THEIR PRIVATE IDENTITIES.
LIVE
BUT MANY HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR DECISION NOT TO COOPERATE. IT IS TO THIS GROUP THAT I WANT TO ADDRESS MY COMMENTS.


OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, CASUALLY AND THROUGH MY OWN INVESTIGATIONS, I HAVE DETERMINED THE IDENTITIES OF 137 OTHER HEROES. THOSE NAMES ARE ON THE LIST I HAVE IN MY HAND HERE TONIGHT.
THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION HAS COME AND GONE. STARTING THIS TIME TOMORROW, ANYONE ON THIS LIST WHO HAS NOT COME FORWARD TO REGISTER, OR WHO GIVES AID AND COMFORT TO THOSE WHO REFUSE--
--WILL BE HUNTED DOWN, ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED. WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN AMERICA? HIS IDENTITY IS KNOWN, BUT WORD IS HE'S HELPING HEROES WHO WON'T REGISTER.
WITHOUT EXCEPTION MEANS WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
HOW DO YOU INTEND TO APPREHEND THESE INDIVIDUALS?
WE WILL USE WHATEVER MEANS ARE NECESSARY.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARER... DO YOU INTEND TO ARREST THEM YOURSELF, OR HAVE OTHERS SIGNED ON TO HELP OUT?
WE'RE ADDING MORE NAMES EVERY HOUR, AS HEROES DO THE RIGHT THING AND SIGN UP...BUT INITIALLY, YES, WE DO HAVE A STRIKE TEAM CONSISTING OF REED RICHARDS, HANK PYM--
--AND SPIDER-MAN.
WHAT THE--?


PETER... DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
NO. TONY SAID HE HAD TO STAY BEHIND FOR A WHILE, TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING, BUT I HAD NO IDEA--
PETER...
...DOES THIS MEAN YOU MAY HAVE TO FIGHT CAPTAIN AMERICA?
I HOPE NOT, AUNT MAY.
HE'S...I MEAN, HE WAS A HERO TO MY WHOLE GENERATION. I CAN'T IMAGINE --
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE.
THIS IS TERRIBLE...
I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, MJ. I NEED SOME FRESH AIR, NEED TO THINK.
I'LL GO WITH YOU. I THINK WE COULD *BOTH* USE THE AIR.
QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE GET PAST THE MOB OUT FRONT?
"WE GO OUT THE BACK. I KNOW A WAY THROUGH THE SERVICE ENTRANCE."
I DON'T LIKE THIS, MJ...IT'S ALL HAPPENING TOO FAST. I FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING'S STARTING TO GO OUT OF CONTROL.
AUNT MAY'S RIGHT. I CAN'T IMAGINE HAVING TO GO UP AGAINST CAP--
I'M SURE IT WON'T COME TO THAT. HE'LL COME TO HIS SENSES. HE'S A GOOD MAN, A REASONABLE MAN--
HE'LL NEVER BACK DOWN, NOT IF HE THINKS HE'S RIGHT, HE'D DIE BEFORE--
THERE HE IS!

OVER HERE, YOU TWO!
MRS. PARKER, MJ, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE YOUR HUSBAND COME OUT OF THE CLOSET?
PETER!
PETER!
SWELL.
OVER HERE, YOU TWO!
IT'S OKAY, WE'LL JUST DEAL--
PETER!


MR. PARKER, A QUESTION!
PETER!
CAN YOU LOOK THIS WAY? PETER! PETER!
PETER?
PETER!
SOMETHING'S WRONG...SPIDER-SENSE IS GOING OFF...BUT THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE AROUND...CAN'T GET A FIX--
PETER!
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PETER!
PETER!
PETER!
I'M CAPTAIN AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE FAN!
LOOK, I--
PETER!
I SAID I'M CAPTAIN AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE FAN--
--AND YOU'RE A TRAITOR TO EVERYTHING HE STANDS FOR!
NO!

CLICK!
Please God--
--let me be--
--fast enough.
BOOM!
AAAAGGH!
GET HIS GUN! GET HIS GUN!
PETER--
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO STOP HIM...I COULDN'T RISK THE BULLET MISSING ME AND HITTING SOMEONE ELSE.
I'LL SUE! YOU BLEW UP MY HAND! I'LL SUE YOU!
GET IN LINE.
C'MON, MJ...

"...I HAVE TO GET READY TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH SOMEONE."
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. IS MJ ALL RIGHT?
DANDY. IT'S BEEN A FIVE-STAR DAY, STARTING WITH YOU...AND ENDING WITH YOU.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TALK TO ME BEFORE YOU THREW MY NAME OUT THERE?
THERE WASN'T TIME.
I TOLD YOU THAT THINGS WERE GOING TO GET HOT. YOU SAID YOU'D BACK MY PLAY, NO MATTER WHAT. I BET BOTH OUR REPUTATIONS ON THAT.
ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR MIND?
I'M SAYING THAT IF I HAVE TO GO UP AGAINST SOME OF OUR GUYS, PEOPLE I TRUST AND RESPECT, I'D LIKE TO AT LEAST BE INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS SO I'M NOT FREAKING BLINDSIDED BY THIS!
I CALL YOU BOSS BECAUSE I KNOW IT BUGS YOU. DON'T START TAKING IT TOO SERIOUSLY.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I SHOULD HAVE TALKED TO YOU. I APOLOGIZE.
GOOD. THAT'S A START.
NOW CAN WE GET TO WORK?
BECAUSE AS MUCH AS YOU DON'T WANT TO GO UP AGAINST THE VERY PEOPLE WE'VE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE FOR SO MANY YEARS, I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MUCH CHOICE IN THE MATTER....

...SO IT'S BEST I INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHERS YOU'LL BE FIGHTING WITH IN THIS WAR--
--BEFORE THE DYING STARTS TOMORROW.